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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Security Aspects of the

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1. I told Shef Edwards that we are anxious to have the [redacted] perform basic research on unconventional and political warfare in connection with the [redacted] project. I said that we hoped it would be possible for the Agency to minimize for [redacted] some of the security clearance inconveniences that other CIA contractors sometimes confront. I emphasized that we do not desire to circumvent normal security precautions.

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2. I stated the nature of the project and said that in general we could agree that it would not be necessary to disclose to [redacted] particulars about sensitive operations, code names and so on. I also reviewed [redacted] personnel security procedures as revealed to me yesterday by [redacted]

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3. Colonel Edwards said that he was sure that we could work out a procedure that would minimize delay and other troublesome aspects of security clearances. He asked [redacted] to pull what information he had about [redacted] so that sometime the middle of next week he will be able to give us a reasonably clear picture of any difficulties we might expect to encounter. I was assured that his suggestion would not result in an undue burden to his staff.

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